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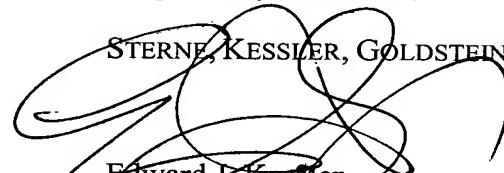
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	AO4	DE 44 32 926 A1	03/1996	Germany	H04B	7/26	Yes No
	AP4						Yes No

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